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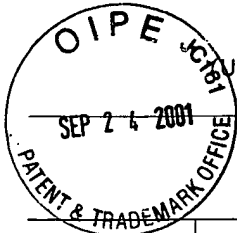
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| | 3,854,003 | 12/10/74 | Duret | — | — | |
| | 3,907,399 | 09/23/75 | Spinner | — | — | |
| | 4,408,822 | 10/1/83 | Nikitas | — | — | |
| | 4,614,390 | 09/30/86 | Baker | — | — | |
| | 4,640,572 | 02/03/87 | Conlon | — | — | |
| | 4,717,355 | 01/05/88 | Mattis | — | — | |
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| | 4,834,675 | 05/30/89 | Samchisen | — | — | |
| | 4,902,246 | 02/20/90 | Samchisen | — | — | |
| | 4,973,265 | 11/27/90 | Heeren | — | — | |
| | 5,024,606 | 06/18/91 | Ming-Hwa | — | — | |
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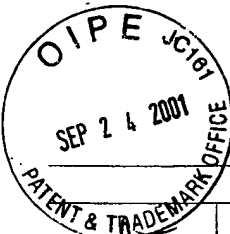
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